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1. The Air Force relies on mature international relationships to support the US commitment to global peace. Effective action in the international affairs arena provides the basis for these partnerships. This directive establishes policies for the pursuit of US national security goals and objectives, improving coalition warfighting capabilities, and promoting Allied air force modernization.
2. The Air Force will maintain a close relationship with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, theater commanders, other military departments, the Department of State, and other US agencies to ensure Air Force international programs, objectives, policies, and activities support national security objectives.
3. The Air Force will conduct international activities to further the coalition warfighting capability of US partners in a manner that supports and enhances collective security and regional stability.
 - 3.1. Allied air force modernization will be encouraged to foster commonality, compatibility, and interoperability between US forces and allies within legal, fiscal, and political boundaries.
 - 3.2. The Air Force will seek international cooperation and influence through continental United States (CONUS) and foreign exchange and training programs.
4. This directive establishes the following responsibilities and authorities:
 - 4.1. The Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force (International Affairs) (SAF/IA) is responsible for oversight and advocacy of Air Force international programs and policies. SAF/IA will develop, disseminate, and implement policy guidance for the direction, integration, and supervision of US Air Force international programs and activities.
 - 4.1.1. SAF/IA advises and supports the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Office of the Chief of Staff, and civilian and military officials of the Department of the Air Force concerning international activities.
 - 4.1.2. SAF/IA is the Air Force focal point for Department of Defense (DoD), Joint Staff, other Military Departments, Department of State, and other US Government agencies for matters involving US Air Force international interests. Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations (HQ

USAF/XO) is the Air Force focal point for matters involving operational US Air Force international interests.

4.1.3. SAF/IA is responsible for development and coordination of the US Air Force position on joint, interdepartmental and interagency nonoperational international matters.

4.1.4. Specific areas of SAF/IA responsibility include: politico-military affairs, security assistance programs, technology and information transfer, disclosure policy and related activities, as well as attache and security assistance officer affairs. SAF/IA also handles US Air Force and foreign officer and civilian exchange programs, professional military education and United States Air Force Academy positions offered to foreign countries, coordination of senior Air Force officials' international travel, and visits of foreign officials to Air Force installations.

5. SAF/IA will establish objective criteria to measure Air Force compliance and consonance of Air Force international activities with the national security policy and the international objectives of the US Government. SAF/IA will evaluate the effectiveness of Air Force policy guidance for the direction, integration, and supervision of nonoperational Air Force international programs and activities. SAF/IA will track the status and trend of US Air Force international programs and activities.

6. AFPD 63-9, *International Cooperative Research, Development, and Acquisition (ICRD) of Defense Equipment and Materials*, provides policy regarding Air Force participation in (ICRD) programs.

7. This policy directive is derived from: Secretary of the Air Force Order 114.1, *Organization and Functions of the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force (International Affairs)* (Current Edition); the Foreign Assistance Act; and the Arms Export Control Act.

8. See [Attachment 1](#) for measures used to comply with this policy.

9. See [Attachment 2](#) for related policies and instructions.

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Attachment 1

MEASURING AND DISPLAYING COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

A1.1. Air Force activities support Air Force international objectives, as a subset of DoD and US Government policies and objectives. The measurement of overall compliance with national goals and objectives is the status of US Air Force relationships with the governments, militaries, and air forces of allies and other friendly nations. We evaluate that status by measuring:

A1.1.1. International activities supporting coalition warfighting capabilities.

A1.1.2. International force modernization programs that enhance commonality, compatibility, and interoperability.

A1.1.3. Access and influence through US Air Force exchange and training programs.

A1.2. International Activities Supporting Coalition Warfighting Capabilities. **Figure A1.1.** depicts significant categories of international activities that support US coalition warfighting capability. The following categories of events plotted over time represent trends in US Air Force international activities: number of joint and bilateral military exercises; number of Military Training Teams and Tactical Exchanges; number of Extended Technical Service Specialists deployed; and number of Wartime Host-Nation and Mutual Support Agreements in-force. Individual categories are functionally related but not directly interactive. The desired trend is a general increase in these activities.

A1.3. International Force Modernization Programs That Enhance Commonality, Compatibility, and Interoperability. **Figure A1.2.** depicts Air Force international programs that support the objectives of commonality, compatibility, and interoperability. The following categories of events plotted over time represent trends in these US Air Force efforts: number of major US Air Force weapons systems purchased by or transferred to other countries; number of countries possessing common weapon systems or common logistic support tails; and the number of countries with compatible or interoperable capabilities. Individual categories are functionally related but not directly interactive. The desired trend is a general increase in the number of these programs.

A1.4. Access and Influence Through US Air Force Exchange and Training Programs. **Figure A1.3.** depicts the level of activity of US Air Force exchange and training programs. The following categories of events plotted over time represent US Air Force trends: number of foreign military personnel in CONUS attending US Air Force-sponsored training (e.g., International Military Education and Training program, professional military education, technical school, academic programs, scientific training); number of US Air Force-sponsored foreign air force military personnel permanently assigned in CONUS (e.g., foreign liaison officers, foreign air force training units); total number of countries with US Air Force personnel exchange billets; and number of countries with US Air Force representation in Security Assistance Offices and Defense Attache Offices. Individual categories are functionally related but not directly interactive. The desired trend is a general increase in these programs.

Figure A1.1. Sample Metric of Support of Coalition Warfighting.

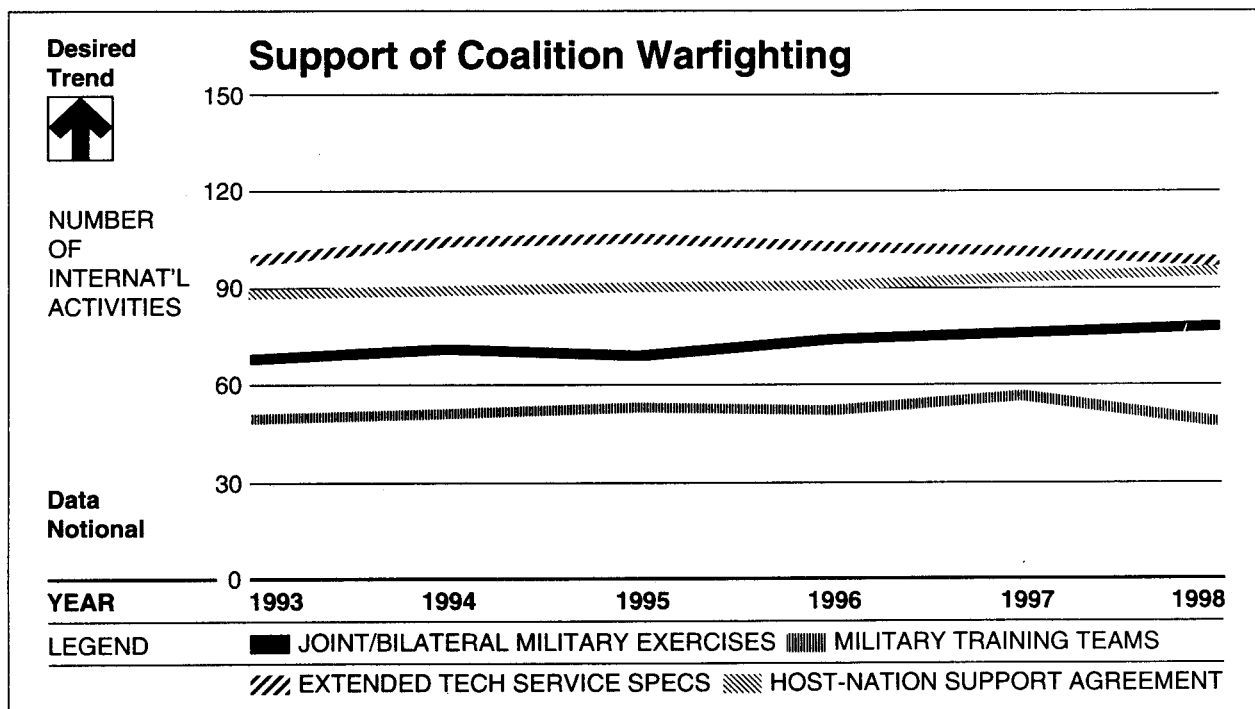


Figure A1.2. Sample Metric of Support Commonality, Compatibility, Interoperability.

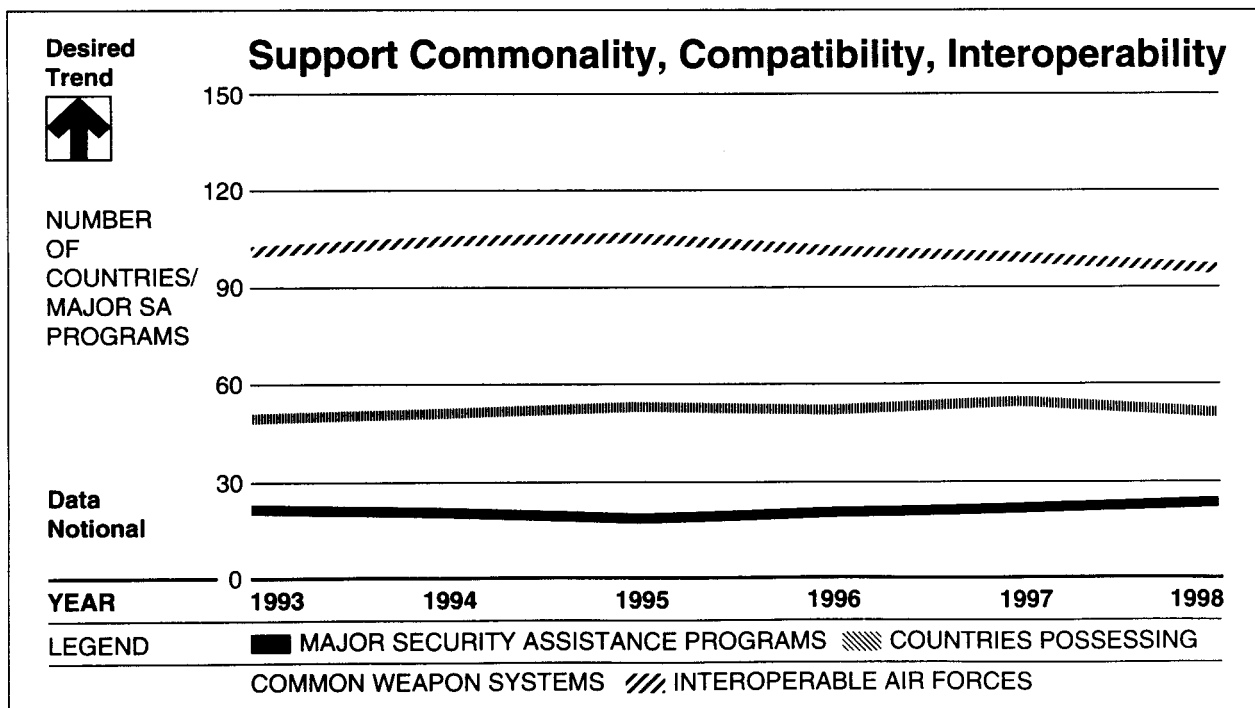
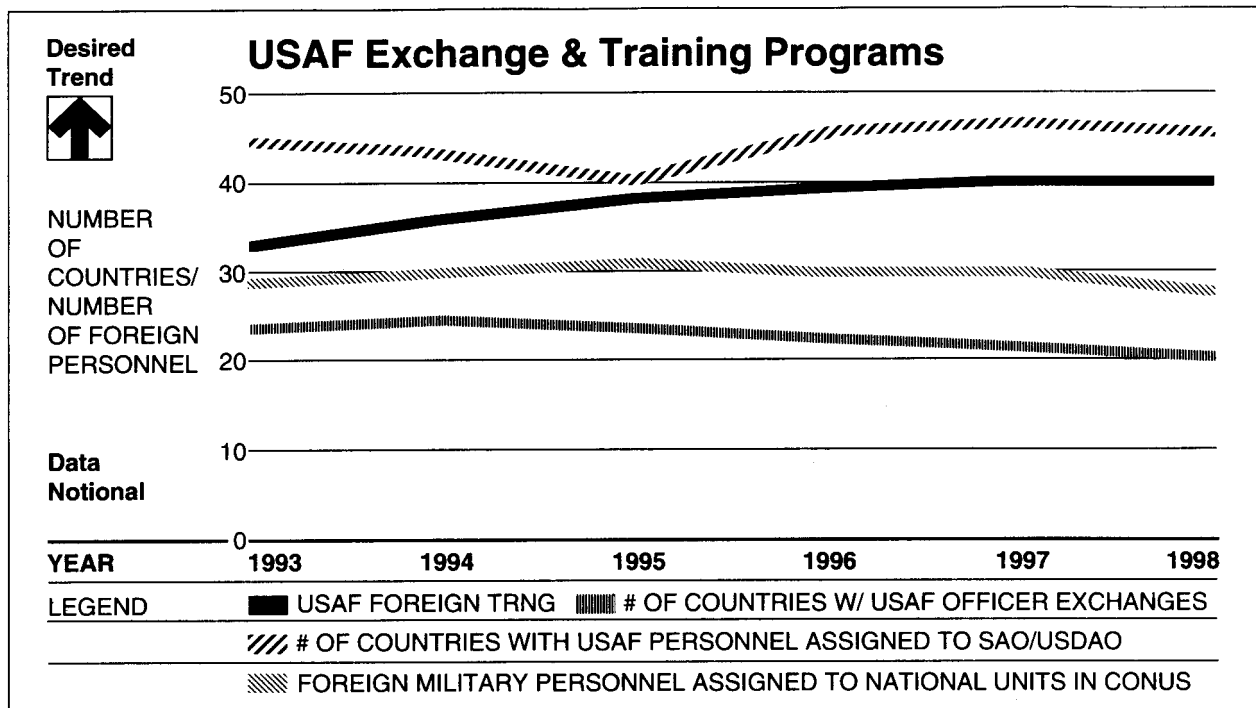


Figure A1.3. Sample Metric of USAF Exchange & Training Programs.



Attachment 2

RELATED POLICIES AND INSTRUCTIONS

DoD Publications Implemented:

DoD 5105.38-M, with Changes 1 through 5, *Security Assistance Management Manual*, October 1988

DoD Directive 7290.3, *Foreign Military Sales Finance and Accounting*, May 8, 1991

Interfacing Publications:

AFI 16-101, *Politico-Military and Security Assistance Management*, formerly AFRs 75-43, 130-1, 130-2, and 400-20

AFI 16-102, *Latin American Cooperation Fund*, formerly AFR 11-39

AFI 16-103, *Defense English Language and Informational Programs*, formerly AFRs 36-41, 50-24, and 50-33

AFI 16-104, *Attache Affairs*, formerly AFRs 50-50, 200-5, and 400-45

AFI 16-105, *Joint Security Assistance Training (JSAT)*, formerly AFR 50-29 (**Joint Departmental Publication**)

AFI 16-106, *Processing Discrepancy Reports Against Foreign Military Sales Shipments*, formerly AFR 67-7

AFPD 16-2, *Foreign Disclosure of Classified and Unclassified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations*, No Former Publication